

Appl. No. 10/715,802
Amdt. dated April 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 3, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 - 9 and 11 - 16 are in the application for consideration. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made in the claims and the statements appearing below herein.

1. The rejection of claim 15 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been overcome by the amendments made in the claims. Claim 9, from which claim 15 is dependent, now recites the ethoxylated polymer and provides antecedent basis for the use of that term in claim 15.

2. Claims 1, 3 -5, 9 and 11 - 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over, U.S. Patent 3,816,125 ("December et al.")

In addition, the examiner has objected to claims 2, 6 - 8, 14 and 16 as containing allowable subject matter but depending from rejected claims.

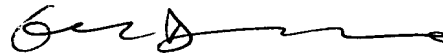
Claim 1 has been amended and now includes the embodiment originally present in claim 2 which has been canceled. All the claims remaining in the application are patentably distinguishable over the references of record.

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Reconsideration of this ground of rejection and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

In summary, claims 1, 3 - 9 and 11 - 16 are in the application and have been shown to be proper in form for allowance and in substance to be directed to a wholly novel and patentable image-receiving element and diffusion transfer film unit. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



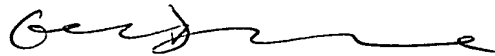
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